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SUMMARY. SECOND COMMITTEE A.M. 9 OCTOBER HEARD STATEMENTS BY REPS OF FINLAND, ECUADOR, MAURITIUS, BELGIUM, THE NETHERLANDS, CHILE, THE SOVIET UNION, MEXICO, AND BY USYG COMMISSIONER FOR TECHNICAL CO-OPERATION, DJERMAKOYE. BEFORE BEGINNING DEBATE, THE COMMITTEE OBSERVED MINUTE OF SILENCE IN TRIBUT MEMORY PAUL HOFFMAN, FORMER ADMINISTRATOR OF THE UNDP. SPEAKING OF HOFFMAN, THE CHAIRMAN, KARAM (IRAQ), SAID UNDP WOULD REMAIN FOREVER LINKED WITH HIS NAME IN MINDS AND HEARTS OF HUMAN BEINGS AROUND THE WORLD. HE WAS A STATESMAN WHO LEFT INDELIBLE MARK IN INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC RELATIONS. ALL DELEGATIONS WHICH PARTICIPATED IN DEBATE ALSO PAID TRIBUTE TO HOFFMAN. END SUMMARY.

1. STATEMENT BY COMMISSIONER FOR TECHNICAL CO-OPERATION DJERMAKOYE. SAID THAT ROLE OF OFFICE OF TECHNICAL CO-
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OPERATION REPRESENTED AN EXAMPLE OF DISINTERESTED CONTRIBUTION TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE "THIRD WORLD."

IN SOME RESPECTS, IT WAS A MULTINATIONAL COMPANY WHICH AIMED AT ASSISTING IN THE GROWTH OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. HE CALLED FOR ASSISTANCE FROM THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY IN THE PROCESS OF DE-BUREAUCRATIZING THE SYSTEM OF TECHNICAL CO-OPERATION, AND APPEALED AGAINST THE USE OF THE ECONOMIC CRISIS AS A PRETEXT FOR REDUCING CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE PROGRAMME. SAID STRUCK BY DELIBERATIONS TAKING PLACE AT THE HIGHEST LEVEL OF THE UN AND SATISFIED THAT SIR ROBERT JACKSON WAS ASSOCIATED WITH THE URGENT TASK.

2. FINLAND. SAID SYSTEM DEVELOPED FOR OPERATIONAL ACTIVITIES WITHIN THE UN FAMILY ORGANIZATIONS WAS THERE, AVAILABLE FOR NEW INTERNATIONAL ACTION, ONCE NEW RESOURCES WERE PUT ITS DISPOSAL. NEW INSTITUTIONAL MACHINERY WAS NOT THE ANSWER. THEREFORE, AN URGENT REAPPRAISAL OF THE RESOURCE STRUCTURE OF ALL PROGRAMMES WAS NEEDED IF THE OBJECTIVES ALREADY AGREED UPON WERE TO BE FURTHER PURSUED. HE HOPED THAT SOME RECIPIENT COUNTRIES WOULD FIND IT POSSIBLE TO RELINQUISH THEIR SHARE OF PROGRAMME RESOURCES, WHILE CONCURRENTLY CONTINUING THEIR FINANCIAL SUPPORT OF THE PROGRAMME.

3. ECUADOR. FAVOURED PROPOSALS FOR RATIONALIZING COUNTRY PROGRAMMES, ADAPTING SUCH PROGRAMMES TO METHODS FLEXIBLE ENOUGH MEET NEEDS AND UNFORESEEN CIRCUMSTANCES, AND FOR IDENTIFYING REQUESTS FOR TECHNICAL AND PRE-INVESTMENT AID. ALSO URGED UNDP GIVE FULL SUPPORT TO TECHNICAL CO-OPERATION AMONG DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, AND FAVOURED PERIODIC ASSESSMENTS TO DETERMINE THE RESULTS OF SUCH AID.

4. MAURITIUS. WELCOMED THE CONTINUING PROCESS OF DECENTRALIZATION WITHIN UNDP, UNDER WHICH THE AURHORITY OF THE RESREP AND FIELD OFFICERS WAS BEING STRENGTHENED. URGED MORE FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR UNFPA, AND STRESSED THE INTER-RELATIONSHIP OF THE POPULATION QUESTION AND OTHER DEVELOPMENT ISSUES.

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5. BELGIUM. SAID UNDP CARRIED OUT WELL ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS OF LONG-TERM UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES AND ALL UNITED NATIONS AGENCIES SHOULD HARMONIZE THEIR ACTIVITIES WITH THOSE UNDP. WELCOMED CONCENTRATION ON DEVELOPMENT LEAST FAVOURED ELEMENTS OF A COUNTRY'S POPULATION, ESPECIALLY UNDP AID TO RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND SMALL INDUSTRIES.

6. NETHERLANDS. EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THE FORTHCOMING

PLEDGING CONFERENCE WOULD YIELD INCREASED RESOURCES TO THE UNDP. NOTING THAT IRAQ, KUWAIT AND VENEZUELA HAD EXPRESSED WILLINGNESS TO BECOME NET CONTRIBUTOR STATES. NOTED NETHERLANDS' HAD GRANTED \$1.5 MILLION NEWLY ESTABLISHED TRUST FUND FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF THE DECLARATION OF DECOLONIZATION AND HOPED OTHER COUNTRIES WOULD FOLLOW SUIT. CONSIDERED DECISION HAVE REGIONAL ECONOMIC COMMISSIONS SERVE EXECUTIVE AGENCIES UNDP OPENED UP NEW POSSIBILITIES FOR CO-OPERATION BETWEEN THE UNDP AND OTC.

7. CHILE. CALLED ON THOSE BETTER OFF RECIPIENT COUNTRIES TO FOLLOW SPAIN'S EXAMPLE OF TURNING INTO DONORS. REFERRING TO UN REVOLVING FUND FOR NATURAL RESOURCES EXPLORATION, SAID CHILE DID NOT AGREE WITH POWER THAT FUND TERMINATE UNILATERALLY A GIVEN PROJECT. COMMENTING ON UNFPA, SAID ITS SHOULD FOLLOW POLICY OF NON-INTERFERENCE WITH A COUNTRY'S OWN POPULATION POLICY. ONE IT POSSIBLE CHILE STABILIZE ITS ECONOMY, IT WOULD PARTICIPATE MORE ACTIVELY IN INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES.

8. SOVIET UNION. ONCE AGAIN PUSHED THEIR ROB IDEA; HOPED THAT, JANUARY SESSION OF UNDP GOVERNING COUNCIL, FINAL AGREEMENT WOULD BE REACHED ON THE LONG-STANDING DRAFT STATUTE OF THE PROGRAMME AND ON THE QUESTION OF OVERHEAD EXPENSES BY THE SPECIALIZED AGENCIES. CALLED FOR BROADER TECHNICAL AID FOR NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVEMENTS, AND SAID USSR WAS OPPOSED TO GRANTING AID TO THE SAIGON AND SEOUL REGIMES, TO THE "AGGRESSIVE STATE" OF ISRAEL, AND TO THE MILITARY
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JUNTA OF CHILE. THE UNDP ACTIVITIES WERE STILL SUBJUGATED TO IBRD WHICH CAREFULLY FILTERED REQUESTS OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES FOR INTERNAL AID AND TOOK OVER THE MOST PROFITABLE OF SUCH REQUESTS. ASSERTED UNDP WAS DOMINATED BY THE UNJUST PRACTICES OF THE WESTERN COUNTRIES AND DID NOT OBSERVE THE PRINCIPLES OF EQUITABLE GEOGRAPHICAL DISTRIBUTION IN PURCHASING EQUIPMENT AND GRANTING SUB-CONTRACTS. HOPED RECENT AGREEMENT REACHED BETWEEN THE UNDP ADMINISTRATION AND USSR WOULD ELIMINATE THE SITUATION AND MOVE OFF DEAD-CENTRE QUESTION OF USING ACCUMULATED SOVIET ROUBLES. SAID CREATION OF A CAREER SERVICE SYSTEM IN UNDP WAS HURTING THE INTERESTS OF THE SOCIALIST AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND HALTING FLOW OF NEW SPECIALISTS AND LEADING INCREASING BUREAUCRATIZATION OF UNDP ACTIVITIES.

9. MEXICO. EMPHASIZED THE NEED ESTABLISH TRUE INDI-

CATIVE PLANNING FIGURES WHICH WOULD INCORPORATE ALL
SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC FACTORS. RESPONSIBILITY ENSURING
GREATER FUNDING DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES LAY PRIMARILY
WITH INDUSTRIALLY ADVANCED COUNTRIES. SPEAKING OF
THE WORLD FOOD PROGRAMME, REITERATED MEXICAN CALL
FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF WORLD FOOD BANK AND A BANK FOR
AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH. THE FORTHCOMING WORLD FOOD
CONFERENCE, HE SAID, SHOULD CONCENTRATE ITS WORK
BASICALLY ON THE QUESTIONS OF INCREASED FOOD PRODUCTION
AND CONSUMPTION.
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